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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Francesco Orlandi et al.  
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FOR : MULTI-MARKER SCREENING PROTOCOL FOR  
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GROUP NO. : 1361  
EXAMINER : Lori A. Clow

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims in light of the following remarks.